

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-26 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,666,251.

Claim 1 has been canceled and new claims 27-29 have been added to further define the invention. Dependent claims 2-4, 13, 16, 19-21, and 23-26 have been amended to change their dependency from canceled claim 1 to new independent claim 27, to amend claim language to correspond with new claim 27, and to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Applicant asserts that new claims 27-29 do not claim the same invention as that of claims 1-26 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,666,251. Reconsideration is requested.

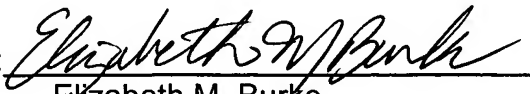
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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